

# The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## An Important Hour

By Evangelist A. B. Earle, D.D.

A GREAT SOUL WINNER ABOUT 1840-1890

"Father, the hour is come."—John 17:1.

How evident it is; Christ knew His Father would understand Him! He does not say, "Father, I have got into trouble down here. I have met a formidable and unexpected difficulty in my mediatorial work—something we had not arranged for." Nothing of the kind; but, Father, the hour we talked about long before we made the first angel; that hour when I was to bear the sins of my people in my own body on the tree; the hour around which was to gather all the great events in my mediatorial work, and all to depend upon its results: at last I have reached the important hour."

The word *hour* in this passage does not mean sixty minutes of time, but a crisis or point in Christ's mediatorial work, where all these events centered and depended upon its results. This rendered it the most important hour in the world's history. I will speak of a few of these events and show as clearly as I can how much importance can be crowded into a little point of time.

### Great Struggle

This was the long-anticipated hour of Christ's great struggle with the powers of darkness. It has been anticipated for ages. No doubt Satan had looked forward to that hour with the greatest interest for thousands of years, and made all his arrangements to meet and overcome Christ if possible, then. He knew—for it had been a matter of prophecy given

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Dr. A. B. Earle

## Sacrificial Easter Gifts

Self-Denying Gifts by the Poor, the Unemployed, Shut-ins Show How God is Leading in the Sword Building Fund Easter Offering

LAST CHANCE TO HAVE PART IN SWORD LETTER-MONTH AND SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

By the Editor

This issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is dated April 10. Today the annual Letter-Month comes to a close. However, if your paper arrives late, you may still have part in the Sword Letter-Month, if you write within twenty-four hours of time you receive this paper.

We thank God for the gifts of thousands of people who are burdened for the Sword expansion program and are having part in the \$18,500 special Easter offering for building fund.

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**Beautiful Easter Book, "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ," by John R. Rice, Free With \$2 Building Fund Gift if Mailed Now**

If you mail your letter within twenty-four hours after receiving this paper, the Letter-Month offers hold good. You may have absolutely free the 32-page pamphlet, *Crossing the Deadline*, Bible teaching on the unpardonable sin, just for writing a letter, provided you pay your own postage. And for every gift to the Sword Building Fund sent at once, we give absolutely free this beautiful Easter book, *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*, 60 pages, two-color cover, retail price, 50c. The book is a token of our gratitude for your help in our Easter building fund offering. Of course every subscriber in the United States should have this copy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD within two or three days after April 10; so we

## This Issue Closes Annual Letter Month

The annual Letter-Month closes April 10—with this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. If the paper is delayed, you may take advantage of our offers if you write within twenty-four hours of the delivery of this issue of the paper. Remember the following offers:

FREE! One copy of 32-page pamphlet, *Crossing the Deadline*, a Bible sermon on the unpardonable sin, by John R. Rice, to everyone who writes and asks for it. No postcards; stamp your own letter unless you include book order or gift.

FREE! With every gift to the Sword building fund of \$2 or more, you may have the beautiful 60-page Easter pamphlet, *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*. Regular price, 50c.

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## Prize Winner in Sword \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest

## Lamenting For The Lost

By Evangelist Leslie Greening  
13 Wollaston Road, Dorchester, Dorset, England

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killst the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."—Matt. 23:37, 38.

If it was possible for me to ask each of my readers personally what, in their opinion, constituted the saddest words that Jesus ever spake, I am sure there would be a great variety of answers.

Some of you might say: "I have always considered that nothing else could possibly equal the sadness of His voice when He assessed the relative value of the human soul and its destiny; compared with the very best this world could offer, and then pronounced His authoritative verdict: 'What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul'" (Mark 8:36, 37).

Others might reply: "In my reading of the four Gospels I have always been haunted by the pathos of the words of the Saviour when He saw the crowds which had been attracted by His miracles, turning back at the stern challenge of His call to discipleship, and said to His little band of followers: 'Will ye also go away?'" (John 6:67).

Yet again some might answer: "I have repeatedly been impressed by the note of grief in Christ's voice when He had to say to those who so desperately needed Him, and yet were not prepared to accept Him as Saviour and Lord: 'Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life'" (John 5:40).

But, as I ask myself this same question, dear friends, I can only find one answer. In my own personal judgment, the saddest words that Jesus ever spake to any individual, or group of individuals, were beyond doubt the words found in my text, which constitutes one of the great utterances of the New Testament: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killst the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy

children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:37, 38).

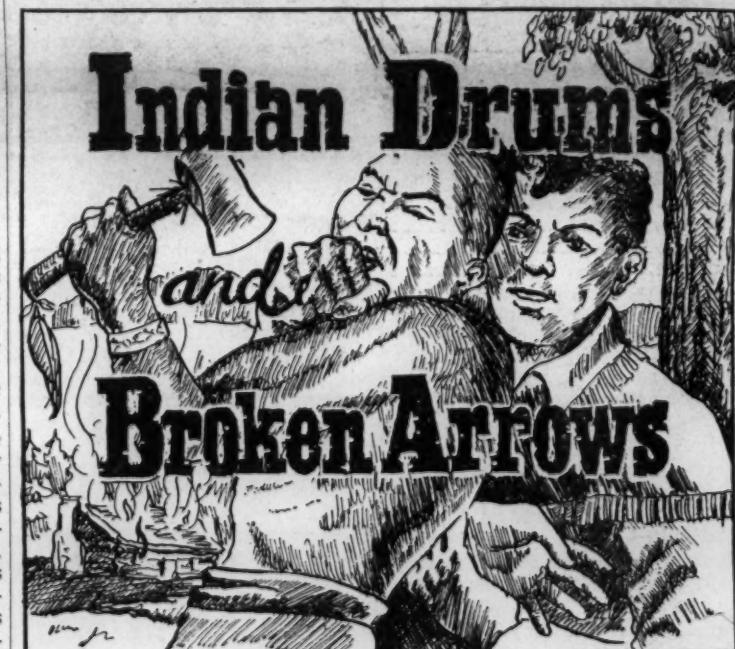
As Jesus looks out over the favoured City of Jerusalem, and the tragedy of its unbelief and impending doom comes home to His heart, He breaks out into this pathetic exclamation, in which, as the title of my message to you just now suggests, He is truly "LAMENTING FOR THE LOST" — every word being a falling tear.

In this same chapter we find the Son of God revealing and exposing sin and denouncing hypoc-

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Rev. Leslie Greening



By Craig Massey

**THE STORY UP TO DATE:** Jeff Lockwood, 16, lives with a missionary family, the Watsons, in New York State during frontier days in America. The Revolutionary War is on. He is on his way from his home in Albany to Fort Stanwix, in search of his father. He has become very fond of the daughter Maud, and the baby, Pam. Last week he and Maud discover the baby playing with a huge bear, not 10 feet away. Jeff takes one desperate shot, kills the bear and saves the baby.

Chapter 11

## "Work Up Your Appetites!"

On the third of July Captain Snow sent the scout, Lumberkin, to tell the Watsons to come to the fort. Everyone was called in because of a large raiding party of English and Mohawks moving down from Canada. Carl Ives had been the news bearer and as soon as he had reported he was sent north again to determine the strength and the destination of the party.

Jeff, still not a welcome figure

with anyone except Carl and the Watsons, stayed at the cabin. He moved everything, food and windows included, to the cave. For nine days he was alone; alone to wonder what he should do. As the time slid by slower than a grandfather turtle going up an ice-covered mountain, he felt he must not put off searching for his father much longer.

Yet, what could he do, or where

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# Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall  
Minister of Revival Promotion,  
Sword of the Lord Foundation

**I.**  
The seventh chapter of Judges is one of the most thrilling in all the Bible: sin—slavery—(chapter 6) repentance—God—His man—an army—300 courageous, alert, faithful followers—victory God's way, and "they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled" (Judges 7:21).

God's people may get victory in the same way today.

We want our readers in the same spirit to join us in victorious soul-winning revival work today!

Thousands of you—men, women, young people, preachers, laymen, pastors, evangelists, church officials, singers—can join in regularly giving \$1 per month to this work of the Lord—now to our Building Fund, later to machinery for printing His Word, then debts, and then ready for a tremendous forward movement in taking His Gospel to people here and everywhere.

I am not talking about a special campaign but a regular, persistent, scriptural support of this work of our Lord. Can you copy this letter and mail to Dr. Rice now?

Dr. John R. Rice, Editor  
SWORD OF THE LORD  
Wheaton, Ill.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr. Rice:

I will be one of God's band in my state giving \$1 per month for the work of the Sword of the Lord. This purpose holds until I let you know otherwise.

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ly gifts and furnish an addressed envelope for each month. If you want it, please check here. [ ]

## II.

### Leaders in Wrong Direction

"We are so thankful for the support that many have given this week in witness and prayer. It is heartbreaking to think that some of our officers and teachers did not attend a single service. It shows forth their concern for the lost. But there has been a deeper concern shown in the church in general. This is the nearest to a real soul-reaching revival that we have had. It proves that it can be done. So let's follow-up. Follow up in prayer. . . Follow up in witness. . . Follow up in visitation. . ."

The above paragraph is from a bulletin where I preached in revival sometime ago. Note the line, "Some of our officers and teachers did not attend a single service." I was told they were without excuse. Ezekiel 33. Romans 1. What hypocrisy! What sin a church commits in electing such leaders!

The same Bible that teaches honesty (I Thess. 4:14) and teaches against stealing (Eph. 4:28) teaches that we should win the lost (Matt. 4:19).

Yet, here for a whole week while the great pastor, a number of church leaders, and fine church members were under the load of revival, some so-called leaders were playing hypocrites. Then, Sunday morning they sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." What a lie!

They sing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." What a lie!

The church sins in repeatedly electing such! They sin in posing as leaders! They by their lives lead away from God's house, away from God's work!

The same book, the Bible, that teaches against drunkenness (Gal. 5. Eph. 5:18) teaches and commands us to go to the house of worship (Heb. 10:24, 25).

I wouldn't want a liquor drinker teaching my boy. I wouldn't want a hypocrite who didn't regularly attend revival services either, teaching my boy. One is as rotten as the other so far as I am concerned.

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## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

The Sword \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest is still furnishing some great messages for our readers.

### Evangelist Leslie Greening

The author of the prize-winning sermon this week is Evangelist Leslie Greening, of 13 Wollaston Road, Dorchester, Dorset, England. Brother Greening is fifty years old, has been for thirty-four years a member of the Brethren Church in Dorchester, and in addition to evangelistic work, he is the founder of the "Spread the News" Crusade which specializes in Gospel literature. With fine facility of language, a simple, sincere, and moving style, a thorough grounding in the Scriptures, Evangelist Greening brings us a blessed message of warning to the unsaved. Will you see that unconverted friends and loved ones read it?

### Nineteenth Anniversary Rally and Banquet, Moody Church, Chicago, September 28

The first issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD came out in Dallas, Texas, September 28, 1934. We hope to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary with a series of great rallies and banquets. The main

rally will be held in famous Moody Church, Chicago, seating 4,040 people, on Monday, September 28. The principal speaker will be Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. There will be an afternoon service, a banquet in Sankey Auditorium, and a giant mass meeting at 7:30. We want thousands of friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to attend to meet personally this editor, to meet Dr. Scotchie McCall, Evangelist Bill Rice, Walter E. Handford, Jr., the General Manager; to hear the Rice sisters sing, etc. SAVE THE DATE, SEPTEMBER 28!

### Subscription Price Goes Up to \$2.50 A Year July 1

We want every reader and friend to have a good chance to renew his subscription or to subscribe for others before THE SWORD OF THE LORD goes up in price.

The present subscription price is \$2 a year in the United States (\$2.50 in Canada and foreign countries). July 1 the rate will be increased to \$2.50 per year in the United States, and \$3.00 per year in Canada and foreign countries.

Remember, \$2.50 per year is less than 5¢ a copy. The paper will cost less than a package of chewing gum per week. It will cost about the same as a package of cigarettes for a whole month, four issues, with a dozen great sermons and other helpful features! When you have a red cap carry your bag to the train and you pay him 15¢, remember, that will buy THE SWORD OF THE LORD for three full weeks. One 20¢ hamburger will pay for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a month. One good meal for a family of five, or a steak dinner in a good hotel for one will pay for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a year.

Sure, we would rather not raise the subscription price. I have kept the price down when we have skimped and saved, and tried hard, and lost money. I think I did wrong about it. We must pay our workers, pay our printers, pay the postage. And we believe that no real friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will mind paying as much for THE SWORD OF THE LORD as he does for a cup of coffee once a week. If THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a whole week is not worth a cup of coffee, not worth a package of chewing gum, not worth a soda pop, not worth as much as an air mail stamp, then you don't want it very badly anyhow! But you do, I am sure, and you will cooperate with us.

But we want to give everybody a chance. Please renew your own subscription before July 1. Send subscriptions for others while you can, at the old rate of \$2.00 for a year.

### Hear the Editor

April 7-17, the Editor will be in revival services at Bethel Baptist

## Where to get Christian Films

We present here the names and addresses of companies that produce the best Christian films. The list is arranged in alphabetical order for your convenience, and we hope you will use it often in ordering the film of your choice or in writing for full information about others.

Film Department  
Moody Bible Institute  
820 North La Salle Street  
Chicago 10, Illinois

"God of Creation," "Voice of the Deep," "The God of the Atom," "Dust or Destiny," and others; color, (Rental, \$12.50 to \$20.00.)

New Life Films  
Box 1316  
Peoria, Illinois  
"The Call of the Navajo," see review in this issue. (Rental \$15.)

Pacific Garden Mission  
646 South State Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
"Out of the Night," (Purchase \$250, rental \$10) Also new film, "The Street."

Pocket Testament League, Inc.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York  
Missionary Films

Scripture Press  
434 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago 5, Illinois  
"God's Acre of Diamonds," "Stars in your Crown," "Doorway to Decision." Especially helpful in building Sunday School. (\$6 per showing; \$15 per week with as many showings by the same customer as desired.)

Unusual Films  
Bob Jones University  
Greenville, South Carolina  
"Pound of Flesh," by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.; "You Can't Win," "Light of the World," by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.; "Macbeth," Shakespearean play; and many others. (Nominal rental basis) Free catalog.

Vision, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1  
Spokane, Washington  
"The Cry of the Orient," 60 min., color. (Rental, free will offering basis if shown by representative.)

Word of Life Fellowship  
Box 511  
New York 8, New York  
"Born to Live," presented by Jack Wyrtz, 40 min., color. (Purchase price \$300, rental \$15 for first showing, \$10 for each additional showing.) "Songtime," TV films, 30 min. (Rental \$10.)

World Vision, Inc.  
P. O. Box 151  
Portland 7, Oregon  
"The Flame," "38th Parallel," etc. Beautiful Color. (Free-will offering basis.)

Youth for Christ International  
220 West Monroe Street  
Chicago 10, Illinois  
"Willing to Die," see review in this issue, (offering basis, minimum \$12). Also other films, particularly for young people.

Youth on the March  
P. O. Box 1  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
"Lord of All," (Sale Price \$265, rental basis \$12 first showing, \$9 for each subsequent showing.)

Winona Lake School of Theology  
Box 7  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
"Assignment: Jerusalem," featuring Winona Lake School of Theology's "Flying Seminar." (On sale, rental, or free will offering basis.)

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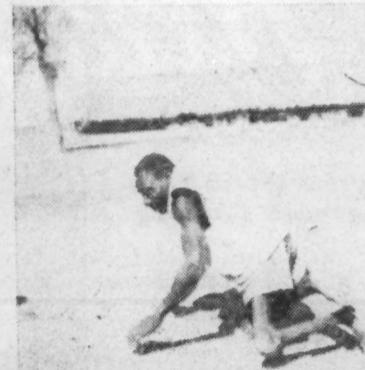
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**"MUSIC HATH ITS CHARMS..."**

Layman Joseph Erickson, from Conrad, Montana, finds a ministry of music among primitive peoples. The Christian musician can circumvent the language barriers and go to work immediately by singing the native languages when Romanized. The message of the Christian hymns has a powerful effect upon the heathen. The Cooper-Newman-Erickson team used the portable Minitape to bring the challenge of missions to American radio audiences. Singer Erickson has five brothers who are missionaries in Central Africa.

**"EIGHT YEARS OLD..."** The ringing of the church bell (usually a brake drum pounded with a piece of metal) was the signal for natives to crowd, sardine-like, into the mud chapels. It was a thrilling and spiritual experience to see crowds of jet-black, upturned faces listening to the Gospel. In areas in Africa where a few years ago there was no church at all, we found fellowship with those of "like precious faith" and together celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Many had walked as many as a dozen miles to worship God under the thatched roof supported by "dog leg" timbers. The Lutheran Brethren Mission carries on an evangelistic, soul-winning program in the Cameroons.**"CRAWLED ALL THE WAY..."** Hunger and eagerness for the Gospel is manifested to a degree in other lands which is incomparable with anything in America. People come to church if they must crawl. Pictured is a man, deformed and crippled, who had crossed the bush on his hands and knees. He was proceeded into the Chapel, in the Lake Chad area, by the village Chief. Hundreds packed into the Chapel, filling the aisles, many of them without clothes, their bodies covered with fish oil.**"ZULUS LIVE ALONE..."** Hundreds of thousands of square miles of South Africa are dotted with single Zulu huts. Superstitious religious beliefs prevent them from enjoying community life. Evil spirits not properly propitiated by one might bring evil upon many, in which case a whole village might die. This superstition slows down the task of witnessing, for each family must be dealt with alone.

## Sword Photo Reportage on African Missions

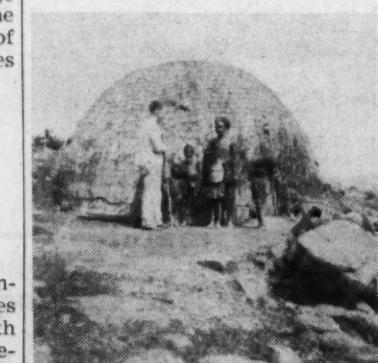
Mailed from Saigon, Indo-China, March 2, 1953, from Clay Cooper, Correspondent; John Newman, Photographer

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." —Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:20.*

"Foreign missions is Christianity with its sleeves rolled up," said one of long ago. It's time, high time, past time, that the church of Jesus Christ rolls up its sleeves, gets out into the over-ripe harvest fields of the world and gets down to the business of "bringing in the sheaves."

The text I have chosen to set forth the claims of both God and the heathen upon us, leaves no room for shilly-shallying. Simply, flatly, and with a note of finality it sets forth what we are to do, where we are to do it, for whom we are to do it, and how long we are to do it! There are to be no PERSONNEL LIMITS! The "go ye" is just as binding upon twentieth century Christians as it was upon first century Christians. In those olden days there were no literary or educational distinctions or exceptions. There were no sex distinctions, for both men and women "went everywhere preaching the word." There were no professional monopolies in His service. As a matter of fact those who were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria" did NOT include the apostles. They stayed in Jerusalem! What we must remember is that the Great Commission was not given to the Christian ministry, but the Christian church. Without question it was when He "was seen of above five hundred brethren at once" (1 Cor. 15:6) that He gave the marching orders of the church.

Secondly, there are to be NO RACE LIMITS! He intends that

**"DANCED INTO THE NIGHT..."** While human sacrifices are still sacrificed among many African tribes, in the name of religion, a bullock was used in connection with the ceremony at the death of a tribesman. Crowds of stark-naked women and men covered only over the rear danced in a wild religious orgy finally to sacrifice an animal a "piece at a time." They cut pieces from the animal until it could no longer walk. African religions involve unspeakably revolting practices. The Cannibalistic activities of the Leopard Societies, the Alligator Societies and the Baboon Societies are unprintable. Gruesome in human sacrifice and immorality. Horrible and bloody flogging customs are still in vogue. Millions await deliverance from the "kingdom of darkness."

separately. Great increase in foreign missionary personnel and the training of Christian natives in personal work can alone solve this problem and meet the need. Zulus are the major South African people

"every creature" shall hear His Gospel. A soul is a soul regardless of the color of the skin which houses it. The notion that there is some kind of a partiality on God's part, a sort of an affinity between God and the white man, must be regarded for what it is . . . a delusion! Peter learned this the hard way and later confessed after much prejudice, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34). Jew or barbarian are all the same to Him! "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" (Rom. 10:12).

Thirdly, there are to be NO SPACE LIMITS! The world is to be our parish! God loved the world! Jesus died for the world! The Holy Spirit convicts the world! Boundaries, geographical lines, oceans, continents and hemispheres are all to be crossed in the dissemination of the Gospel. Odd indeed that God should "lead" so many to work exclusively in and for the "homeland." The separation of the world into TWO fields, "home and foreign," is a master stroke of the Devil. It's all "foreign" to God, and on this question Jesus had this to say, "The field is the WORLD" (Matt. 13:38).

Fourthly, there are to be no TIME LIMITS! The promise of His active presence "always . . . even to the end of the world" in connection with the prosecution of these orders precludes any possible let-up because of "the last days" or the "falling away" or the "waxing cold" pseudo dispensational tendencies. The end has not come! Christ has not returned! This is still the day of grace! The Holy Spirit still convicts the world of "sin, righteousness and judgment."



**"LANGUAGE NO BARRIER..."** When the Holy Spirit moves, language barriers disappear. Often it is necessary to use two or more interpreters to get the Gospel across to people of different tribes. A native evangelist in French Equatorial Africa happily interprets the sermon into the Arabic for a portion of the packed church. Missionary Odin Erickson, from Conrad, Montana, first translated Clay Cooper's message into the Muisana language. American evangelists could have undreamed of success as short-term missionaries, regardless of the lack of knowledge of the language. Missionaries are crying for evangelistic teams to come and do the job, and while winning souls can furnish a good example of how to do mass evangelism for the native preachers. If these can observe such, it is better than long periods of training. Evangelists should ask themselves, "God has called me to be an evangelist, but has He called me to do evangelistic work in America only?"

ment." Then away with Satanic suggestions as to time limitation in connection with all-out, downright obedience to the number one job of the church . . . preaching the Gospel to the world without personnel limits, without race limits, without space limits and without time limits.

Why stand we here all the day idle? Have each of us not been called, commissioned, commanded? The question is not, "What is God going to do with the heathen?" That doesn't bother me, not one iota. That which stares me in the face as a follower of Christ is far more disturbing, "What are WE going to do with the heathen?" A still more sobering and thought provoking question poses itself, "What is God going to do with us for our failure in reference to the heathen?" It is my sincere hope and prayer that the Sword readers will be inspired and informed by the following journalistic treatment, with photo-reportage, of what has been done, what is being done and what remains to be done in the Foreign Missions. In this report we will confine ourselves to Africa and seek to present a story which will effect in some way a greater participation on the part of every reader in the Unfinished Task.



**"RED HOT FOR GOD'S PLAN..."** Dr. Albert Helser, pictured with Mrs. Helser, believes if American churches will send missionary recruits "on fire for God," they in turn can set the natives on fire and Africa can in turn be set ablaze for God within ten years." Dr. Helser, a regional director for the Sudan Interior Mission, Kano, Nigeria, prescribes, "One who is saturated with the Word is red-hot for God's plan to reach the last tribe with the witness at the earliest possible date. After 28 years in the heart of Africa, I am convinced, yes, doubly convinced, that our best tool is the Word of God, the Book of books, the Holy Bible."



**"GOING ON EIGHTY...TEN..."** Perhaps the world's oldest foreign missionary, Malla Moe, is interviewed by Sword Correspondent, Clay Cooper. Poor of vision and hearing, the still active and soul-winning Miss Moe, left Chicago sixty years ago to claim Swaziland for her parish. Souls won to Christ by this venerable soldier of the cross number into the multiplied thousands. Malla Moe, who was one of the first recruits ever to go out under the "Evangelical Alliance Mission" — formerly "Scandinavian Alliance Mission" — revealed her age . . . "I am eighty-nine . . . I am going on eighty-ten."

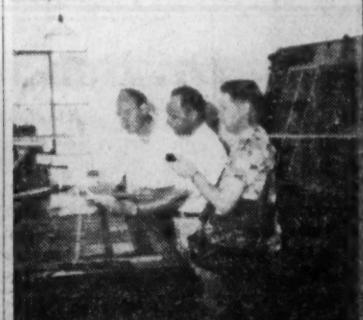


**"COMMERCIALIZED, BUT NOT EVANGELIZED..."** The Western world takes everything to the heathen . . . except the Gospel. In the most primitive areas of Africa commerce has preceded Christ. The tiniest hut with thatched roof and cracked earthen floor may have a Singer Sewing machine, but no Bible, a can of Ovaltine but no soul-nourishment. The need of the African is not an American suit of clothes . . . an inner-spring mattress . . . or a car. One of Africa's leading newspaper editors complained, "We do not want our peoples Westernized . . . we want them evangelized."

Will Christian America continue to do for financial gain what she will not do for eternal souls? There is little likelihood of giving the masses of heathen much hope in this world, so we ought to do everything possible to give them hope for the next world.



**"BREAD UPON THE WATERS..."** The Sword of the Lord is having its share in the wide-spread scattering of the Gospel in print. Missionaries everywhere are asking for ship-loads of plain, simple, even crude, pamphlets and papers with which to feed the minds of earth's newly literate people. Millions are learning to read every year, but the Christian literature "is not there to read." The Communists are making their propaganda available to many areas on a "less than the cost of transportation" basis. Clay Cooper in Central Africa checks the story of two native lads who were found carrying two issues of "The Sword" to their village. Christians in America could help the cause of world missions by shipping all their used Christian literature to missions in the English speaking part of the world and by supporting the work of mission presses abroad.



**"GOSPELS FOR THE HAVE-NOTS..."** Nearly 500 of Africa's 800 languages still await for the Bible translation or portion thereof. Manager R. B. Kitch, of the Niger Press in Jos, Nigeria, and his large native staff are doing something about the matter. Hymns, Bibles, Scripture portions and tracts in many languages roll off the presses averaging eleven million pages each year. Ray Delahae, center, tells American radio audiences of new translations into the Hausa language. (Twenty-million Africans speak Hausa). Lives devoted to the work of translation and those skilled as printers and pressmen are urgently needed on foreign fields. Mission societies discourage the printing of native languages in America. Too many error factors are involved.

# "You Can't Win"

A Revival Sermon on Film by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Reviewed by Editor John R. Rice

Yesterday I went out to the plant of Mr. C. O. Baptista, maker of Christian films and of the famous Miracle Sound Projector, and my good Brother Baptista ran for me the forty-minute revival sermon film, "You Can't Win" by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., put out by Unusual Films, Bob Jones University. We watched it together and enjoyed it greatly.

First, let me say frankly that I am prejudiced in favor of revival preaching, evangelistic preaching, old-fashioned Bible preaching against sin, demanding repentance, showing how to be saved. Dr. Bob Jones has been preaching in revival campaigns for more than fifty years. This is one of his old-time revival sermons on the text, "If ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). This magnificent Gospel preacher shows that all the power of the Almighty is lined up against sin so that sin can't win; that the stars in their courses are set to bring sin to judgment. He told how one's sin finds him out in the body, how sin shows in the face, how sin will come to haunt and torment the conscience. He told how sin leads to enslavement of habit, how sin leads to public shame, how one's sins will find him out at the judgment of God and the things that a wife does not know about her husband or that the husband does not know about the wife will be made known there. With moving language this Spirit-filled preacher warns the sinner. Some passages have classic beauty, others are intimate appeal or plain, abrupt, and forceful.

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## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

A great American said when he was dying, "Oh, God, give me life beyond this life and give me something to do." As the years pile up, we folks who have been in God's work for a long time can see so many things that ought to be done and things we wish we could do. I can think of a hundred jobs for God I would like to do if I could, but I will never have time to do all of them.

My son Bob, who is president of Bob Jones University, and I have talked so many times about building here at Bob Jones University in the Christian atmosphere of the institution a great hospital where we could train Christian nurses. We have hundreds of requests from Christian young women who want to be missionary nurses and who want to be nurses in America and who want to know what we can do to help them get their training. It would take a great deal of money to build a hospital like we would have to have to do the work that needs to be done. Wouldn't it be wonderful if somebody with a great deal of

money would help us build such a hospital? Remember, I have been around the world and have crossed the ocean numbers of times, and I am convinced that there is no greater need today than a great Christian medical center that would train good, orthodox, Christian nurses and send them out to serve the Lord. Maybe when we raise our million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund and get about \$250,000 for the missionary program we are supporting, we will be able to build this hospital which we will need.

Now, you can help us in two ways. First, you can pray that God will guide us in what He would have us do about a hospital; and second, you can send some money for the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund and help us reach our goal just as quickly as possible. Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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(advertisement)

## More FILMS to Fit the Bill

By Evangelist Bill Rice,  
Associate Editor

**THE CALL OF THE NAVAJO**, produced by New Life Films is absolutely one of the finest missionary films I have ever seen. The story is one that grips the heart, and the authentic insight into the life of the Navajo Indians is terrific.

It is the story of Ashkee who lived with his big father, Navajo John; his mother and little sister. Like so many Navajo Indians of the Southwest, they are sheepherders. Disaster comes to the family after young Ashkee who plans to be a medicine man, refuses to listen to the Gospel of the white missionary. He is strongly tempted to steal a beautiful silver belt at the trading post but finally overcomes the temptation. Nevertheless, disaster follows. A coyote attacks the flock he is guarding. A rattlesnake is encountered in the great rocks. The water hole dries up and little sister becomes violently ill. And Ashkee is quite sure that all this happened because the missionary's God is angry with him for wanting to steal the silver belt!

This film has everything. The plot is wonderfully worked out with thrilling adventure and a really surprise ending. The full color photography is technically perfect, as is the sound track. An authentic film that will make your heart yearn to help the missionaries win the Navajo Indians for Christ. (Won home missionary award, and deservedly.)

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**CONTRARY WINDS**, produced by Evangel Films, the same company that produced "The Missing Christians." This is the story, in full color and excellent sound, of Stanley, who was preparing to go to India as a missionary until he fell in love with and married Laurel, a worldly-minded unsaved girl. Stanley fights the contrary winds—winds that would blow him off his God-called course and lead him into a life of wealth and ease. Contrary winds finally drive Stanley so far off his course that he becomes a drunkard and is fired by the company where he had formerly been such a brilliant success. Laurel, realizing now the extent of her wicked influence, tries to leap over a cliff into the sea, but is stopped by Jack, the Christian lighthouse keeper. Through the Word of God he sets the young people on the course for India, when Stanley is informed by his doctor that his riotous living has led to physical ruin and he has only three months to live...unless God performs a miracle.

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**WILLING TO DIE**, produced by Youth for Christ International. A challenging color film in which Bob Cook says the world always listens to desperate men—whether a Hitler or a Knox. He and his two associates, Hubert Mitchell and Ted Engstrom, propose a plan for evangelizing Japan—and present living proof that their plan will work! Challenging! Thirty minutes.

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**REPORT ON KOREA**, produced by World Vision. A Gospel newsreel—in color—showing the Gospel in action on the Korean battlefields, in prison camps and orphanages. A story of the Gospel in action. Thirty minutes.

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**BANDERILLA**, produced by Mr. Paul Freed of International Evangelism. A thrilling film, beautifully done in color, showing Protestant persecutions in Franco's Spain. A prominent doctor is saved, loses his practice and—almost—his son. Beautifully filmed against colorful pageantry of a nation whose favorite sport is the bullfight. Informative and touching and stirring. Makes one thank God for America. Fifty-five minutes. (Won foreign missionary award last year.)

## Slide and Filmstrip News

By Evangelist Bill Rice, Associate Editor

### Here's a Fish Story to End all Fish Stories

Talking fish! Who says so? And what if they do?

Well, Moody Bible Institute (820 N. LaSalle, Chicago) says so and proves it. Not only that, but the way M.B.I. says so will be of real value to you if you teach in Sunday School, DVBS, conduct a youth rally, or in any way try to teach the Bible to others. For "Fish That Talk" is the title of a new film-strip based on the famous sound film, "Voice of the Deep." The latter, you will remember, is one of the "Sermons from Science" series.

"Fish That Talk" proves from science that the "silent deep" is not silent at all but is filled with voices of multitudes of fish. The sound tape is synchronized with the film strip to bring a very impressive object lesson that should result in many conversions.

### Preserved Pictures In Plastic

Did you ever sit up half the night putting some prized slides in glass mounts? You did this to keep them from getting scratched or soiled—but, man alive, what a job!

The Fred Visser Company, (954 So. New Hampshire, Los Angeles) has solved this problem for you—at least if you buy their slides. They have developed a method of sealing their colored slides permanently in plastic. And "sealed" is the word—they can even be dropped in water without moisture penetrating the plastic covering. Moreover, it is believed that the dyes in the film retain their color better than glass mounted slides.

which are heavier and subject to breakage.

Slides in these mounts are inexpensive, too—20c each when you buy the complete set of 800. Or you can buy them in lesser numbers for an increased price.

Visser slides also come in cardboard mounts for 10c each in lots of 800, and you can buy these in lesser amounts also (minimum of 100). Splendid slides for you for less than you can have a duplicate of your own transparencies made.

Some other producers of good Gospel slides and filmstrips are:

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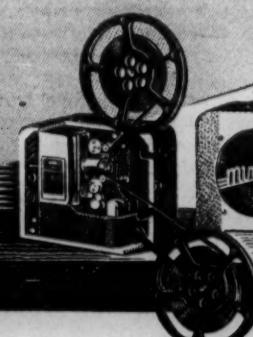
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**"My Word Shall Not Return . . . Void"**

Spurgeon used to tell about going to the public house at Nottingham to see the landlord's wife, who was dying. He found her rejoicing in Christ as her Saviour. He asked her how she found the Lord. "Reading this," she replied. He looked at the paper and found that it was part of an American newspaper containing an extract from a London preacher's sermon.

"Where did you find this newspaper," he asked.

She answered, "It was wrapped around a parcel sent from Australia."

Talk about the hidden life of the good seed. A sermon preached in London, conveyed to America, then to Australia, a part of it torn off for the parcel, then dispatched back to England, and there the message of salvation reached a woman's heart in Nottingham.

—The Gospel Herald

A CHURCH EXISTS FOR THE DOUBLE PURPOSE OF GATHERING IN AND SENDING OUT.

**Polished Boots!**

When in Egypt some years ago among soldiers, J. Stuart Holden asked a big sergeant in a Highland regiment—a man who was as bright and shining for the Lord as it is possible for a saved soldier to be—how he was brought to Christ. The soldier said: "There is a private in the same company who was converted in Malta. We gave that fellow an awful time. One night, a terribly wet night, he came in very tired and very wet, and before getting into bed got down to pray. My boots were heavy with wet mud, and I let him have a boot on each side of the head. Next morning I found those boots beautifully polished and standing by my bed. That was his reply to me, and it just broke my heart, I was saved that day."

—Mervin Rosell in "Heart to Heart"

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**Sacrificial Easter Gifts**

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our goal. Have you helped in the Easter offering? If not, will you do your best and send a gift at once?

**These Have Really Sacrificed  
—Have You?**

From New Jersey a dear Christian woman sends \$2 and says: "I would be glad if it was much more. Mr. Mitchell is unemployed, as he has been since November, 1952. So please pray that he will soon get work. My God supplies all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, praise His holy name! God bless you, comfort you, strengthen and give you courage."

I do not mind saying that I got real comfort and courage from the sacrificial gift of this trusting and loyal couple.

A missionary of the American Sunday School Union sends a \$2 gift for the building fund and says: "We would like to send you more, but just finishing the income tax return and completing the records, I find that our family of four lived on \$704.90 in 1952, after my travelling expenses, contributions to the Lord's work, taxes and medical expenses were deducted. Of course we live by His grace daily, and we have suffered no want, as He provided all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." He asks for prayer on his blessed home mission work. Have you, dear reader, given out of poverty and sacrifice like this man who, with a family of four, lived on \$704.90 during 1952?

From Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mrs. Vick Teague sent \$2. She said: "I do want to help. I don't have a large income. I have no job, and my husband is blind and almost helpless, but I love the Lord and I will send \$2 that I made crocheting. I wish that I could help more, but I will pray for your work, and you know that we have a wonderful God, and He will hear our prayers."

Yes, praise God, she has found the comfort and assurance of God's loving care that never fails. More of our readers would find the sweet peace that comes from trusting God if we gave more liberally and trusted Him to supply our needs.

We have many such letters. We

have no room for more. They simply indicate that God is stirring the hearts of Christian people and leading them to take care of the needs of this soul-winning work.

**How They Encourage Us!**

Thank God, He looks on the heart! And He is pleased when we do our best, whatever that is. That certainly encourages me, this poor editor. God knows how weak I am, so He has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9). If one reads this who feels that you cannot give a large gift, then give what you can and know that, just so it honestly represents a heart's devotion and what God has laid on your heart to do, the offering pleases God and will be blessed in His service.

I trust that many hundreds will send a last-minute gift for our Easter Building Fund offering. Since Sword copy is prepared nearly three weeks ahead of time, it will be three weeks more before we can announce the outcome of the Easter offering. But let us each do our part and rejoice in the blessing of God.

**\$1 Per Month Per Friend  
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Many will not be able to send much of a gift now, but they can, by prayerful planning and saving, send \$1 per month to the Sword Building Fund and to other work of this soul-winning enterprise. Would you like to be one who will send at least \$1 per month? I suggest that you write for a stand-up calendar box, including colored envelopes, one for each month remaining of the current year. Set the calendar on desk, table, or mantel, and you will have the calendar of April before you, with smaller calendar of the preceding and following months. When April comes to a close, take out that slip, and you will find it is a

self-addressed, postage-free envelope, ready to mail your offering to the Sword of the Lord without a stamp, or trouble, or a letter. Then you find that the calendar facing you is of the next month. And when that month is gone, you take out that envelope and mail your gift, and then the next month's calendar appears. We will be glad to send you this stand-up calendar box of vari-colored envelopes on request.

Do you want a 60-dime coin card? It makes giving a joy, gives an easy way to enlist the children and young people of the family in interest and prayer and giving to a Christian cause. It may be used by Sunday School classes. It is surprising how fast the dimes accumulate at mealtimes, or family worship, or just whenever you

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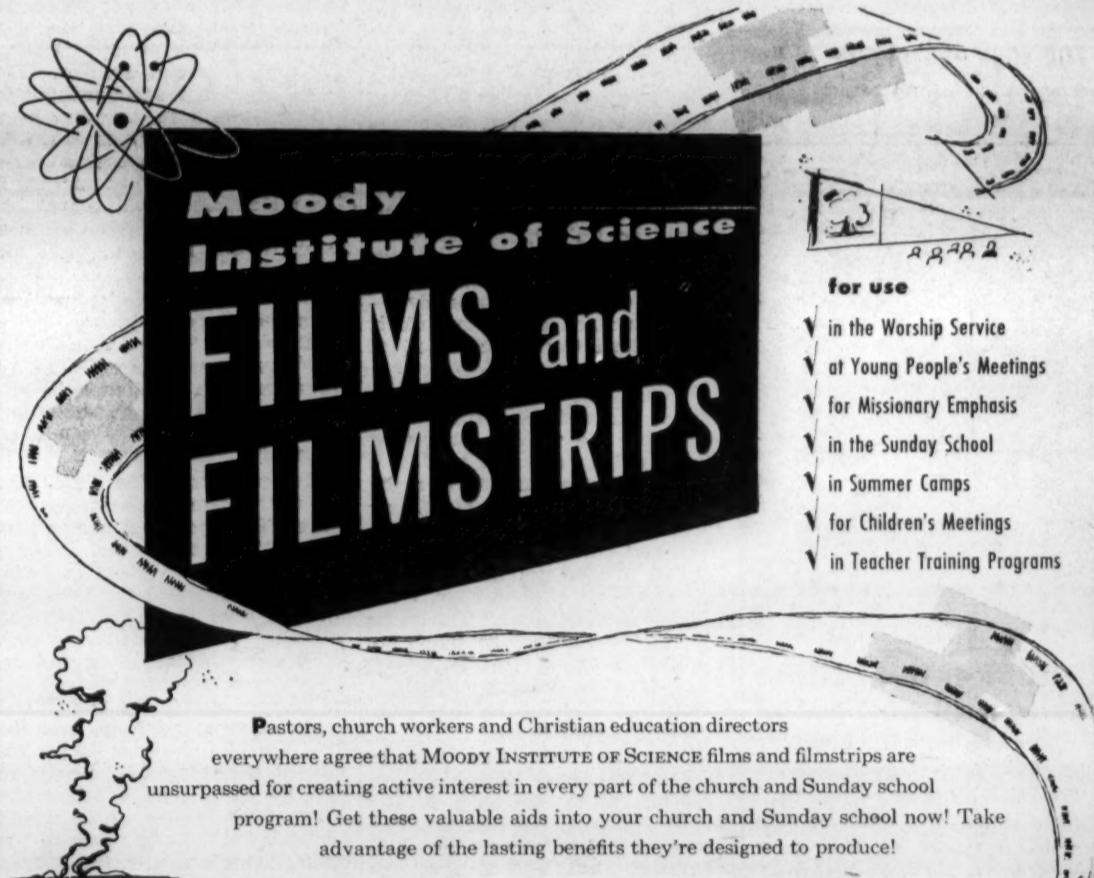
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# Noteworthy NEWS Notes

## Money Provided for New Campus of California Baptist Seminary

God's people prayed and responded with their substance when a beautiful 38-acre campus was made available to the California Baptist Theological Seminary. \$50,000 was provided in less than 10 days for the campus which consists of 15 fireproof buildings. The school observed its ninth anniversary on February 27.

## TEAM Conference to Feature 100 Missionaries at Conference

Over 100 missionaries and their work will be featured at this year's Missionary and Bible Conference of The Evangelical Alliance Mission at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 21-28. The missionaries will speak on the work of various fields around the world. In addition, 15 Christian leaders are scheduled to speak.

## Roy Rogers Quits Making Movies

Roy Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans, are we told, have answered the prayers of many and quit

making cowboy movies. Rogers went to court and broke his contract ties with Republic Pictures. However, even though Rogers has quit pictures, because the studio still owns several hundred negatives of films in which he and his wife starred, it will be no trick at all for Republic to put out Roger movies in the future.

## "The Street" Released by Pacific Garden Mission

Beginning with the world premiere, held on March 13 in Chicago's Moody Memorial Church, major cities from coast to coast will preview the new Pacific Garden Mission film "The Street," a 35-minute color production. Prints will be available through both rentals and sale beginning August 1. Harry Saulnier, mission superintendent, announced. Based on an actual case history and photographed on authentic Skid Row locations, "The Street" tells the dramatic story of a youthful alcoholic who turns to God out of the depths of spiritual and physical need.

## An Important Hour

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to the world—that at that hour, in an important sense, the Father would forsake the Son and the disciples flee away from Him, and that, too, when humanity was almost crushed beneath the load of our sins. It is written, "The shepherd shall be smitten, and the sheep scattered." Satan, no doubt, said, "That will be my time to defeat the plan of salvation. If ever I conquer and overcome the Son of God, I must do it at that hour." Satan has often made great mis-

takes, and I am not sure but he had strong hopes of defeating the whole plan of redemption at that hour.

To see that I am right in this suggestion, go with me in thought to the Garden and mark the circumstances. As the fearful struggle drew near, Christ called for watchers. Leaving the most of the disciples in one part of the Garden, He took Peter, James and John to another part, to act as watchers, telling them at the same time that His soul was in such agony as takes life. O, what an hour! And what an experience for Jesus! He did not ask to be saved from Calvary; He came into the world to go to Calvary; but, sustained that He might reach Calvary alive, He must be divinely sustained, or die in the Garden, and a dead Christ be nailed to the cross.

We are told that an "angel appeared, strengthening Him." This was what He wanted, and what He prayed for and received. With this needed strength He was ready to go to the cross and die. Going forth He met Judas, with his soldiers and clubs, and said to him, "Judas, you do not need soldiers or clubs. This is your hour. I am at your disposal now." The scene was awfully grand; so much so, that the soldiers went backward and fell to the ground, but rallied again and led Him to the cross, and nailed Him to it.

What an hour was this to Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. With the nails in His hands and feet, His disciples fled away, and His Father's face hidden from Him. The bitterest ingredient in this cup of suffering was the hiding of His Father's face. This was the red cup of divine wrath poured into the bosom of the Son. O, how terrible! "My God! My God! why hast thou forsaken me?"

Angels have never seen anything like this. They had seen legions of their brethren put in chains and hurled over the battlements of Heaven, the destruction of the old world, and Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire, but had never seen such terrible wrath as this.

After calling for drink, and vinegar mingled with gall had been put to His lips, He cried, "It is finished," and gave up the ghost. This ended the great struggle with the powers of darkness. The long-anticipated hour was now passed.

## Open Door

At that hour it was to be determined whether the door of hope, opened to the world through the promise of Christ, should be kept open through the triumph of

## THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Christ. Suppose a failure on the part of Christ—we have a right to a supposition—and that Satan had kept Christ in the grave, as he evidently meant to do, beyond the appointed time? Suppose Sunday morning had come, and Christ was still in the grave? That He had not been a match for the formidable difficulties connected with this part of the work of redemption? What would have been the announcement made in the Christian pulpits in and about Jerusalem? Would not every pulpit have been draped in deep mourning, and every minister have cried, "All is lost! All is lost! The door of hope, opened to the world through the promise of Christ, is forever closed through the failure of Christ."

But, thanks be to God, all was safe in the hand of the Mediator. No such announcement was made. It was there He led the captive Devil in chains, and spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

*The powers of darkness leagued in vain*

*To bind His soul in death;  
He shook their kingdom when He fell,  
With His expiring breath.*

## Connecting Link

That hour also formed the grand connecting link between the old and new dispensations. The priesthood under the Law ended at the cross, and the Gospel dispensation commenced there. On the one side of the cross stood the ministers of the Law, ready to offer a turtle dove, or a young pigeon, or a lamb, upon a Jewish altar, and on the other the twelve apostles, ready to go forth with their message of salvation—the one to be dismissed, and the other to be commissioned. At that hour Christ did practically say to the priesthood under the Law: "You have finished your ministry; you have done it well, and you are dismissed from the priesthood; and you are dismissed forever. The Law has been a schoolmaster to lead the world to me, and here I am, the great Antitype to whom these types and shadows have been steadily pointing for ages. I am He that should come." No more blood upon Jewish altars; no more slain beasts or birds for sacrifice."

Thus ended the old dispensation. Jesus then turning to the twelve apostles said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The cross was the link that joined the two dispensations together. The one could not be perfect without the other. A long line of saints had "died in faith, not having received the promises, but had seen them afar off and embraced them, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." The Old Testament requires the New, and the New the Old. Neither is perfect without the other. If we were to give an intelligent heathen the Old or New Testament, he would soon ask for the other part of the book. The cross was the golden link that united them. So that we can sing with full hearts, around the cross—

*Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! our Son's eclipse is o'er,  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.*

## Future Happiness

One more event depended on the result of that hour. This I will speak of with great reverence and humility, but I so understand the plan of redemption. The future happiness of the millions who were that day in Heaven depended upon Christ's meeting the demands of the Law for them then. No atonement had been made for Abraham and Moses and the long line of saints then in Heaven. Christ had not died a number of times, but once for all. They had been received into Heaven on the strength of an atonement Christ promised to make, but had not yet made it. Christ had entered into a covenant with the Father, that when the Law demanded satisfaction He would render it; that

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## YOU ASKED FOR IT!

So many, many of you have asked for a list of producers of good Christian films that we are printing that list in this issue of the paper. (See page 2.)

Also, see film reviews on page 4 and ads on films throughout the paper.

## Sacrificial Easter Gifts

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Address your letter, The Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois. Be sure to ask for the 32-page pamphlet, *Crossing the Deadline*, if you want it. It is sent free, offering or no offering. Ask for the beautiful Easter book, 60 pages, two-colored cover, *The Resurrection of Jesus-Christ*, if your gift to the Sword building fund is \$2 or more.

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WHO IS JESUS? by George W. Truett. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids. 171 pages, \$2.50.

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## An Important Hour

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He would suffer—the just for the unjust. That hour had now come; Christ must now, if ever, become the end of the Law for righteousness; not only for every one who should believe on Him, but for all who had believed on Him.

No doubt this great truth was well understood by the redeemed in Heaven—that Christ was that day to die for them, and that their future happiness depended on Christ's meeting every claim the perfect Law of God had ever held against them, and doing it that day. Oh, what an exceptional day that was in Heaven! No such day was ever experienced there. Two of their number—Moses, the great lawgiver, and Elijah, the Old Testament's greatest prophet—were sent to inquire of Jesus (so I think), if He was going to be able to carry it through. We get some idea of the object of their mission, by a few words overheard by the three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration. They heard Moses and Elijah speak to Jesus of the decease (that is, the death) that He should accomplish at Jerusalem. The object of their visit, then, was something in reference to His death that deeply interested all the heavenly ones.

What an intense interest must have been felt to hear the report of these two men on their return! No day or hour like this was ever known in Heaven. They could look on and witness the agony of Christ, but what could they do? Christ must tread the winepress of His Father's wrath alone. I think no song was heard, nor harp string touched in Heaven, from that morning until Sunday morning.

What thoughts must have filled the mind of that angel, as he folded his wings and sat down on that stone, in utter helplessness so far as raising that body was concerned! Think of millions of the bright ones looking upon that dead form, lying in that open sepulchre, knowing, as they did, that they must come out of Heaven unless that body rose from the dead that very morning. Yet they could do nothing toward it. Could an hour be crowded with more importance to the heavenly ones? How many times during those three days must the question have been asked, "Will He rise? Will He rise? Will He break the bars of death? Will He rob the grave of its victory, so that our bodies that are sleeping in their dusty beds will rise in the morning of that great day, when the trumpet shall sound?"

But, thanks be to God and the Lamb, forever! While the harps of gold were silent, and the angel sat on the stone at the sepulchre, and millions of smiling eyes were bending over the battlements of glory, all waiting the results of that hour, Christ walked out of the sepulchre in the presence of Heaven and earth, as if He had risen from a sweet night's repose. There He stood, the Conqueror of earth and Hell, holding the keys of life and death. Oh, the leanness of language to describe the scene that followed in Heaven around the throne of God that

rested on us when, just before midnight, the bells rang out over this and other lands, "James A. Garfield is dead!" The whole country seemed draped in deep mourning. But how must it have sounded in Heaven to hear angels and archangels, with millions of saints around the throne, saying, "Jesus is dead! Jesus is dead!" The body was placed in a sepulchre. Jesus was in the sweet repose of the grave. What a topic of conversation all this time in Heaven was the resurrection of that body! That was to be the crowning act of redemption. Early Sunday morning the Father sent one of the angels to roll the stone from the sepulchre. Not to assist in raising Christ from the dead; that must be His own act.

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morning! Never did angels or men know such an hour. This was the hour of victory for Himself and His people. "He lives! He lives!" was no doubt heard all over the heavenly city. "Heaven is ours forever. Take your golden harps and sing your sweetest songs. Glory to the Lamb! Glory to the Lamb! Our sins are washed away, not only by the blood, but by the resurrection of the Lamb."

*He broke the bars of death,  
Which none e'er broke before;  
And rose in conquering majesty,  
To stoop to death no more.*

Here the angels met Him to accompany Him to His Father's right hand in Heaven. Yet He remained for forty days before He was "received up into glory," to remove all doubt about His resurrection and arrange the affairs of His kingdom on earth. How long these forty days must have seemed to the heavenly ones before they could see and welcome Him back, after such a mission and such a victory! But the hour came at last for Him to go up to His throne above. This was to be another unusual day in Heaven—a day of great joy among all the heavenly hosts.

*They brought His chariot from the skies,  
To bear Him to His throne;  
Clapped their glad wings and cried,  
The glorious work is done.*

Is it possible for language to describe His entrance through the gates of pearl? Is it too much to believe that all Heaven went out to meet Him, and came in with Him, crying out as they enter: "Lift your heads, O ye gates, and

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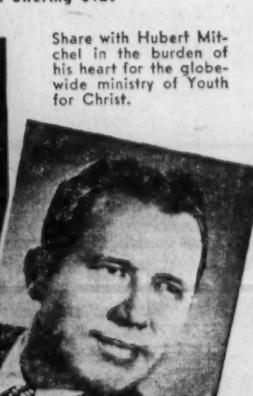
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be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in." "Who is this King of Glory?" "The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory."

Great and brave men have had receptions on earth, but what a reception Christ must have had when He returned victorious from earth, to be crowned "King of Glory!" With what rapture and delight they sang, as the crown was placed upon His head—

"Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Crowns become the victors' brow."

Well might the Saviour say when He uttered this text: "Father, the hour is come"; not an hour of great importance is come, but the hour that swallows up all other hours since time began in its far-reaching results—reaching back through the long list of ages and meeting every demand the perfect law of God had ever held against those who had believed in a promised Saviour, and put their trust in Him, and forward in its saving power to all who should believe on Christ through their word.

Thus Christ "died once for all." Oh, the importance that connected itself with that point in the mediatorial work of our Redeemer!

In the light of this single thought, let me show as clearly as possible that what was true of Christ at that crisis in His work, has been true of nations and individuals in all ages of the world.

### A Crisis

A crisis is reached, and at that point, victory or defeat, life or death, follows. Our first parents reached such a point. No doubt they had often passed that forbidden tree, with no thought or wish to touch it. But at last the crisis came, and life or death must follow the decision of an hour. It is evident that our mother, Eve, while looking the forbidden tree carefully over, felt, at first, a gentle desire come over her to taste of the forbidden fruit, yet had no idea of doing it. But the desire increased upon her until she reached such a crisis, that upon the one action of that woman's will hung the destiny of this world. Oh, if she had hurried away, saying, "Life! Life! Eternal Life!" She was as yet unstained by sin, and in a state to walk and talk with God as we walk and talk with each other. The question in her mind seemed to be, "Shall I taste of it and run the risk of dying, or refuse and be safe?" She was able to stand, yet free to fall. Oh, what an hour in the history of this world! But the evil prevailed. She said, "I will taste of it." The deed was done. She fell, and in that fall our blood was poisoned, and this world became a great graveyard. Not

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one of her unborn children could be saved without the death of the Son of God upon the cross. How much importance attached itself to that single act!

### The Signers

So it was with the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In that old hall stood a table with that memorable document on it; a sober-looking class of men about it, with the question before them, "Shall we sign it, and if need be, seal it with our blood?" The decision was made. They signed it, and thus this nation was born. The decisive hour came, and God had raised up men for that hour. And so for more than a century, when in our history we have reached a crisis, there have been men for the crisis. We still live. "The government is still safe."

### With Individuals

It is the same with individual responsibility. We reach a point in our lives

"That marks the destiny of man  
For glory or despair."

We hear the calls and warnings of the Gospel, and reject them, yet we may be saved. This may be repeated many times and it may not be too late. But an hour is reached at last when we cannot say "No," once more, and be saved. The decision then is final. The destiny of the soul is then fixed forever.

*There is a line by us unseen  
That crosses every path,  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and His wrath.*

That fearful line may be near your feet, or may have been already crossed. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." How dangerous to resist His strivings! Christ said to Jerusalem, "O that thou hadst known, even thou, at least, in this, thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace. But now they are hid from thine eyes." Too late! Too late! How dreadful the thought, that we may find out that we are lost when it is too late to be saved.

A young lady deeply convicted of her sins, was urged to accept Christ at once, but she hesitated, and finally decided to attend one more ball before becoming a Christian. She went to the ball, but the Spirit left her. Not long after she went into a decline, and died without hope. "I called; ye refused." The stretched-out, bleeding hand refused!

Am I not addressing those who have said "No, no," to the calls of the Gospel from your earliest moment? Has not Christ been rejected every day of your lives? Do you know certainly this is not the hour of final decision? The unseen line may be crossed this hour. Oh, the importance of the decision you make now! Does not the Holy Spirit whisper, "The hour is come"? Do not say then, "Go thy way for this time," lest it should prove to be the last time you can say "No," and be saved.

When the crisis came, Christ met it and triumphed over it. Will you not do the same? "I have set life and death before you, therefore choose life." Will you not now silently but solemnly say, your putting veracity and honor in the decision, "Jesus, I accept Thee as my Saviour, and will serve Thee from this hour; whether my path is light or dark, rough or smooth, still I will obey and serve Thee the remainder of my days"?

May Jesus give you strength and grace to trust Him and carry out this vow, and I be permitted to meet you in Heaven and hear you say, "That was the hour of decision and victory." Amen.

O God, we ask Thy blessing on Thy Word just delivered. May many hearts hear Thy voice saying, the "hour is come," and it may be the final hour. Oh, how solemn and important is this hour! Let no one look back from eternity and say, "that fatal hour." May the Holy Spirit help each one to say, "Jesus, I accept Thee as my Saviour now." We ask it for Thy name's sake. Amen.

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solitude, away from the gaze of others, weeping as he went: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (II Sam. 18:33).

Can you measure the feelings of that grief-stricken father? Can you possibly conceive the anguish of his soul in that awful moment as he realized his much-loved son was not only dead—but damned? I do not think so, for few have been called to tread such a path of intense sorrow. Yet even if we could get some faint conception of it all, it would still fall far short of the immeasurable grief of Jesus, which led Him to cry out over those He loved, who were blind to their own peril and need: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

And as He looks out over our sin-stricken, Christ-rejecting, careless world today; as He looks down on you, dear unsaved friend, reading this message, He is saying still, with infinite love and sadness mingled in His voice: "O Sinner, Sinner, . . ." and "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you

rest" (Matt. 11:28). Listen just now to the longing of infinite love, and turn to Him who said: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Now let me ask you to observe in the following sentence:

### 2. A Faithful Declaration of Guilt

"Thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee."

If it was possible for one of my readers never to have heard this text before, and I stopped at the opening sentence, that reader would, I feel sure, remark at once: "What kind of people could they possibly have been in Jerusalem, to draw forth from the Son of God such a display of grief? Who were the folk for love of whom the Saviour broke His heart?" Well, here is the answer, and an amazing one

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it is: They were the people who killed the prophets, stoned God's messengers, and, in a final abandonment of guilt, crucified God's Holy Son.

How faithfully He reveals and emphasizes their guilt, and how it throws into grander and more glorious relief the infinite love which we have already considered. Let me turn you again in thought to a biblical illustration (also drawn from the life of David) to see how intense love can harmonize with a faithful denunciation of sin.

David had been guilty of a grievous sin in the matter of Uriah's wife, and God sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke the offender. He told the story of two men in the same city; the one rich, the other poor. The rich man had countless flocks and herds; the poor man had one solitary lamb upon which he set great store. One day there came a traveller to the rich man's house, but rather than provide meat from his own abundance, he sent and took the poor man's lamb for that purpose. Nathan could get no further with his parable, for David's generous soul seethed with indignation, and he exclaimed: "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die" (II Sam. 12:5). And Nathan, faithful messenger of God, with a heart bursting with love for David, brought home to him his great guilt in this other matter, where the same principle was involved, by saying gently: "Thou art the man" (II Sam. 12:7).

The Lord Jesus Christ, in our text, although He loved the people with an intensity which caused His heart to break over them, nevertheless faithfully reminds them of their guilt and sin. David's reply to Nathan came from the depths of his penitent soul: "I have sinned against the Lord," for although he was a great sinner, he was also a great repenter; and God answered his contrition with forgiveness. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17).

But there is no sign of repentance here when Christ wept over Jerusalem; no desire for forgiveness; no recognition of need; in fact they sought to excuse themselves, like many a sinner today: "If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets" (Matt. 23:30). Yet these very people who so complacently disowned any measure of guilt, were those who shortly afterwards murdered Jesus Himself.

We too have killed the voice of God's Spirit in our hearts; we have stifled to death the voice of conscience; we have crushed out and murdered the impressions produced by the preaching of the Gospel; we have strangled at birth the conviction of sin; we have said in effect by our attitude to Jesus: "Away with him, away with him, crucify him" (John 19:15). God deals faithfully with us in His Word regarding our guilt and reveals our desperate need of a Saviour to cleanse us from our sin.

Now let me draw your attention to:

### 3. A Reminder of Wonderful Longsuffering

"How often would I have gathered thy children together."

The record of God's dealings with these people to whom Jesus is now speaking had been one marvelous ministry of mercy all down through the ages. He had brought them out of cruel bondage in the land of Egypt; led them miraculously through the wilderness; provided for all their needs; sent them a long succession of faithful prophets; and only in the recent past had called them once again to repentance through the clarion voice of John the Baptist.

Last of all, in a final overture of mercy, He had sent His only-begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, proving beyond question His abundant willingness to save. Because Jesus saw their doom was coming—they were paying the penalty even now of their rejection of God's love, and infinitely worse was to follow—and because

He desired to save them from the consequences of their folly, He cried out from the depths of His compassionate heart: "How often would I have gathered thy children together." Despite all their waywardness and rebellion, He persisted in dealing with them in longsuffering mercy and grace.

How often, too, He has sought to gain an entrance to our sinful hearts, only to find them bolted and barred, and steadfastly closed to His admission. His amazing love has been continuously abused, and yet we are faced with the wonder of His constant appeal: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in" (Rev. 3:20). The record of each one of us is a moving testimony to the marvelous longsuffering of God.

But, look, there is in this text of mine:

#### 4. A Picture of Complete Protection

"Even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings."

It was said concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, by the officers who were commanded to take Him prisoner: "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46), and what a marvelous metaphor He uses in this lamentation over wayward Israel. Just as the mother hen, seeing (or perhaps only sensing) the approach of danger, utters the peculiar call which brings her little brood running quickly to her side, and throws around them her protecting wings, so the blessed Lord Jesus Christ would fain have gathered the people he addresses in this text, and so He would gather us. He longs to shield us from the consequences of our sins, and afford eternal protection from the claims of a broken law, by throwing around us the merit of His great atonement.

A fire once broke out on a farmer's property and fanned by the wind, the flames spread rapidly from building to building before finally being extinguished. After the outbreak had been quelled, the farmer was walking through his farmyard inspecting the damage when he saw what appeared to be a piece of charred wood in his path. He kicked it to one side in passing, and out ran a brood of tiny chickens—it was the charred body of their mother which had afforded them shelter

in danger's hour. She herself had been scarred and scorched, yet in her love for her own, she had died to deliver. And that's just what Jesus has done for all who will come to Him; and that, as I understand it, dear friends, constitutes the Gospel—if it be not so, I know no other. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). Well might the poet write, as he thought of our Redeemer braving the sinner's judgment at Calvary:

*The tempest's awful voice was heard  
O Christ it broke on Thee!  
Thy open bosom was my ward,  
It braved the storm for me.  
Thy form was scarred; Thy visage marred,  
Now cloudless peace for me!  
But listen carefully, as our text follows with:—*

#### 5. A Charge of Determined Refusal

"And ye would not."

There could be no mistaking the attitude of this people. From the moment He outlined His mission in the synagogue at Nazareth, declaring in matchless words the glorious purpose of His redemptive work, they persistently sought His death. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." He declared in accents of tender love that ought to have awakened penitent faith and affectionate response in their hearts, "because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18,19). But even at that early hour their response was amazing in its rebellious nature: They "rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong" (Luke 4:29). And now, this was their final and resolute decision: "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).

I cannot help feeling the Saviour is saying at this very moment to someone reading these lines, as He said to many who heard Him in the days of His flesh: "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).

I shall never forget a friend of

mine telling me of an experience he had in the great "blitz" on London in the last War. He was serving with the heavy section of the Fire Service, and on this particular night the German bombers were over London in force. Word came through to their Station that a big block of buildings was on fire, and as they arrived they discovered that a woman was standing at the open window of one of the top stories of a blazing building, almost hysterical with fright. The escape ladder was run up in a matter of seconds, and a burly fireman made his way rapidly to the top. He could be seen leaning as far as possible into the open window, with his arms outstretched to carry the demented person to safety, but the more he pleaded the more she retreated in her terror, until finally he had to return without her, for thousands of other lives were endangered that awful night. When he arrived at the foot of the ladder again, said my friend,

he was sobbing like a child as he said to the officer in charge: "I tried to save her, sir, but she wouldn't let me!"

And when I stand before God, dear friends, to give an account of the manner in which I have sought to discharge my responsibility in framing this message, methinks I shall honestly be able to say: "I tried to save them, Lord; to lead them to Jesus; to warn them of their danger; to tell them of Thy love; but they wouldn't let me." And if you are finally and eternally lost, dear friends, it will not be because no provision was made for your salvation, but because you refused to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and thus cast away your one and only hope of salvation, for, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation" (Heb. 2:3).

Now my text moves on to its solemn conclusion, and reminds us of:

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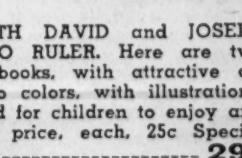
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—What would He say?

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### III.

We were in revival. The pastor asked that I make a sick call with him. He added that the man we were to see was in his sixty-fifth year, a farmer with large and influential family and extensive farm holdings. People sought this man's counsel and followed him in politics and followed the family in social circles. But, he was a LOST man! He was certainly worth going after for Christ. He needed to be saved.

After greetings, I told him, "The Bible says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). Do you believe Jesus saves?"

He replied, "Yes."

"Do you believe He is the only way to be saved (Acts 4:12)?"

"Yes, but I have lived a reckless life."

"But the Bible says that He bare the sin of many, and He came to save sinners (Matt. 1:21). You believe that, do you not?"

"Yes."

"Do you NOW definitely trust Him to save you and to cleanse you from sin (I John 1:7)?"

"Yes!"

"All the years God may give you on the bed or well again, you will live for Him," I pressed.

"Yes!"  
Do you want to confess Him publicly, be baptized, join His church?"

"Yes."  
"Will you live for Him?"  
"Yes!"

"Brother —, you have tried other things as money, business, politics, society, pleasure—they all fail you now?"

"Yes!"

"They do not satisfy now?"

"No."

"Jesus is the only one who says, 'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whether I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me' (John 14:1-6). God is the only One who makes it possible to say, 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green

pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever' (Ps. 23). Do you believe that?"

"Yes!"

"You know that Jesus will stand by you and go with you all the way?"

"Yes."  
"I know you cannot in your present illness be at church tonight. Do you have objections to my presenting your name to the church tonight? Be frank with me. I am ready to go."

He eagerly grasped my hand and replied, "No, I have no objection."

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## Lamenting for the Lost

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### 6. A Record of Divine Rejection

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

How terribly significant is the awesome language that Jesus used to pronounce their doom. Once that noble Temple had been affectionately called by Him: "My Father's house." You'll remember how, during His wonderful ministry on earth, He had been filled with indignation at the manner in which its purpose had been prostituted and commercialized, and how, with a whip of small cords, He had driven the money-changers from the sacred precincts of that holy building, overturning their tables as He said: "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Matt. 21:13). But now, having finally rejected Him (their Saviour and Messiah), it has ceased to fulfill its divine purpose, and is no longer His Father's house, for how could God then (or now) accept worship from those who rejected His Son. "Your house," He says, "Your house is left unto you desolate." And if you continue to reject the Lord Jesus Christ, dear friends, there is a day coming when you will be left in your sins to eternal desolation. When Jesus leaves a man alone (even in this life) that man is desolate indeed, for how true are the words of the poet: "Were this vast world our own, with all its treasured store; and Thou, Lord Jesus, wert unknown—we still were poor."

If you persist in an attitude of indifference to the claims of Jesus, dear sinner, the day will come when God will at last adopt an attitude of indifference to you. There can be fewer more solemn words in Scripture than those which say: "Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out My hand, and no man regarded . . . I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh" (Prov. 1:24-26).

Finally, dear friends, I present my text to you now as a whole, and in its entirety, it furnishes:

### 7. A Warning to Every Unbeliever

We have been considering this divine lament for the lost in its several moving clauses, each with its message to our souls; now in its solemn whole it constitutes a great danger signal to the unsaved man or woman, boy or girl, who reads its words. It confronts the unconverted reader at this moment like a flaming beacon, warning that soul of eternal danger, and bidding him or her to flee at once to the Saviour of sinners. The attitude of Israel, of which we have been forcibly reminded in our text, provoked the

ultimate judgment of God, and the attitude of the sinner who continues to reject the Saviour will eventually merit the same result.

As I close my simple but earnest message then, dear friends, let me once more intreat you with all the ransomed powers that I possess, and with all the tenderness at my command, to open your heart immediately, and let Jesus come in to be your divine Saviour and Lord, for otherwise you must, perchance, meet Him as Judge.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" Isa. 1:18.

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could he go? Not a single clue had turned up on any of Carl's trips. There was nothing to do, only wait and ask the Lord to help.

On the twelfth of July the Watsons returned in the wagon, leading the cow behind.

"Carl Ives came back last night. The war party headed east toward Albany and there is much fear an attack might be made in that direction," Mr. Watson explained.

"Jeff, Carl is coming to see you tonight. He's going to spend a few days with us to rest up," Mrs. Watson added.

They replaced the windows and a few of the other things in the cabin, but left most of their belongings in the cave. Carl came in as they were seating themselves at the supper table.

"Join us, Carl," Mrs. Watson invited.

"It'll be good to eat at a table again. I've been chewing on parched corn and dried meat so long I forgot my manners," the scout said, wearily slumping on the bench.

Heads were bowed; Mr. Watson returned thanks, "Lord, we put our trust in Thee and thank Thee for this food. Bless it to our bodies and thus to Thy service. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

After the meal was finished Jeff showed Carl the cave. "This is the most remarkable thing I ever saw. It's almost fool proof unless someone knew about it. Don't tell a soul, white or red. Those secrets have a funny way of traveling."

The next morning, before the Watsons stirred, even before Dolly the cow got to her feet in the shed built for her, Carl and Jeff worked their way along the stream with their fishing lines. Slender hickory saplings served as poles.

"There's a deep hole upstream a mile. I never fished it, but it looks inviting," Jeff suggested.

They eased their way in pale dawn light, creeping cautiously to the rim of the quiet pool. The water was calm, dead still. A muskrat perched himself on a rock within six feet of the fishermen. Noiselessly the rich brown-coated animal slipped into the wa-

ter, sending tiny ripples that grew and grew and grew until they seemed to bounce along the shore and disappear.

Jeff hooked into a big worm, dangled it above the water; lower, lower, it touched. A tremendous swirl, the pole bent against the lunging trout. The fish arched upward; out of the water and plunged deep again to sulk among the boulders.

"He's a whopper; Biggest I ever saw," Carl breathed.

Jeff didn't answer, the fish was running again. Up and down the pool it swung, sometimes breaking the surface in splashing swirls, sometimes brooding and quiet at the bottom of the pool.

"His rushes aren't so strong any more. He's tiring," Jeff eased the fish near shore. A huge speckled beauty, it lay, weaving its fins as Jeff leaned over to grasp the gill flaps.

A swirl and away; the fish hadn't surrendered. Down, down,



Slowly he made out the form of a deep brown-eyed deer.

it went again, hovering near the bottom. Jeff tugged to stir him into motion. It worked, the trout shot for the surface, breaking water, sending a spray of drops into the sunlight.

Then it was over. The fish, exhausted and beaten, submitted to Jeff's fingers hooking in behind the gills to lift it free and clear of the water.

"The best trout I ever saw. He must go eight pounds if he goes an ounce," Carl decided.

"He feels that big," agreed Jeff, hefting his fish experimentally in his hand.

They tried for another, but the fight had made the other fish cautious, and they wouldn't touch the bait.

"Well, anyway, there's plenty for a feast," Jeff said.

"Say, Jeff, after breakfast let's you and I go out for a deer. I'm hungry for a juicy red steak."

"Fine, and there's some questions I want to ask you about tracking."

The fish sizzled on the black iron spider as Mrs. Watson seasoned it with salt and sweet butter.

Jeff and Carl sat in the doorway, sniffing the tempting aroma in anticipation. Pam crawled around, poking into everything she could reach. Maud boiled the

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coffee while Mr. Watson read aloud from his Bible the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

"It's odd how foolish some folks are—just living for gain. It's all right to make a fortune, I guess, but it's not for me. I'd rather have time to think, time to remember the Lord as the Master and Maker of all things. Now take that frying trout filling the air with goodness, he was put in that pool for us to catch and eat this morning," Carl Ives reflected.

"I agree," Mr. Watson nodded, "If a person takes time to seek the Lord and earnestly lives by God's Word, life is pleasant, for the sting of death is removed. Take that chapter I just read, the promises there are still in the future, and they're for us, seeing as how we love the Lord."

Jeff asked a question that had been plaguing his mind for some time, "I've been a Christian for about a year now, but there's lots of times I worry and there's lots of times I'm awful tempted into wrong doing, especially my thoughts. Will a time come when I'll be free from these tantalizing things?"

Mr. Watson answered, "Jeff, the Christian life is a battle. Satan is always trying to break you down. He'll keep doing that every day you live on earth, but there does come a time when these things fade into the background for the most part. Then your Christian life will be deeper."

Carl broke in, "I know how you feel, Jeff. It's worrisome, seeing how bad we are, but the Lord Jesus Christ saved us and it's on Him we can depend to keep us safe. I guess the best rule for a happy Christian life is to pray and read your Bible every single day. That's what cured me of a lot of off color habits and ideas. Still is curing me."

"Breakfast's ready!" Maud said, stopping any further talk, but Jeff was satisfied. If two men like Mr. Watson and Carl Ives advised prayer and Bible reading, it was for him also, for those two men were Christians through and through, and lived the lives to back up what they reckoned true.

"Now, Jeff, there's plenty of deer in those woods, but they can hide easy," Carl Ives said an hour later as they walked eastward along the brook. "The thing we have to do is track. Find where one drank from the stream, and from there we move without a sound."

A sandy spot showed the pig-like tracks where three deer had watered. Carl whispered, "That's a doe with two half-grown fawns. You trail, I'll follow. Shoot the biggest of the fawns."

Jeff moved through the underbrush following easily the forked prints in the soft spongy earth. The deer led away toward higher ground, pausing now and then to nibble at green shoots.

A squirrel chattered from an oak, scolding at the white men who dared trespass. Jeff lost the trail in a small field, covered with huckleberry bushes. Carl took over and led the way slowly, testing the

wind to see if the deer might have scented them.

"The wind is blowing from the deer to us. That's good, for their sense of smell is better than their sight. If the wind carried our scent to them we would have to give up," he whispered.

In the woods again Jeff took the trail. For a mile they traveled. A fern-filled glade appeared on their left, the tracks now faint in the drier ground, led into it. Carl laid a restraining hand on Jeff's shoulder and studied the glade.

Slowly he raised his hand and pointed to the rise on the far side. For five minutes Jeff peered. He saw nothing until a tiny motion caught his eye. Again he saw the movement, and slowly made out the head of a deep brown-eyed doe. The flicking motion came from her ear as she twicked flies away.

To the deer's right another motion caught his eye. One of the fawns moved its head to lick its back. The other fawn wasn't to be seen, probably hidden behind its mother, Jeff reasoned.

Jeff raised his gun slowly. The barrel scraped against a branch. The deer leaped. Jeff aimed quickly at the fawn and fired. The deer bounded away unhurt. Carl's gun roared and the fawn fell, hit just behind the top of the right foreleg, a shot that reached the heart.

"Well, you did pretty good, Jeff. You managed to trail them over some rough country, but you'll have to plan your motions more carefully. One mistake might mean hunger someday," Carl said as they skinned out the meat.

"Wow, they were hard to see!"

"Yes, they were. That's why you have to use your eyes. Being at home in the woods is a bigger thing than just hunting rabbits or squirrels. To really learn to know your way around, you have to be as curious as a six weeks' old puppy. Investigate every trace, know what it is. If you don't know, then find out. Identify every bird call, every animal voice, from the squeak of a mouse to the howl of a bobcat. Learn the names of the trees and the flowers. Know every kind of snake and fish. If there's something that puzzles you, question somebody who does know. But be curious about everything."

Jeff rolled the deer into a bundle with the legs inside. Carl carried the rest over his shoulder. The cabin door was swung open and Carl shouted, "Work up your appetites! We got one!"

Both Maud and Mrs. Watson hissed softly, "Shhhh, the baby's taking her morning nap."

Carl stopped dead short and tip-toed in, raising his moccasined feet and padding them silently on the hard earth floor. Jeff smiled inwardly to see that huge mountain of a man easing over to the crib, gazing so lovingly at the pink-cheeked Pam, sound asleep, with her little fist doubled over the bunny skin blanket. The gentle tenderness glowing in the scout's eyes made Jeff respect him all the more.

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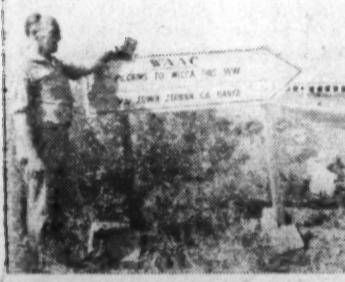
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**"THE BLIND SEE..."** Dr. Douglas Hersh, from Wheaton, Illinois, and an eye surgeon with the S. J. M., removes cataracts from both eyes of an old Mohammedan. The Islam wall of stone is gradually crumbling before the medical ministrations of mission doctors and nurses, which pave the way for the witness of Christ. Such eye operations cost the patient nothing. The medico and missionary from the General Superintendent on down to the newest recruit receive a personal allowance of fifty dollars per month, but the greater compensation of seeing the "lepers cleansed, the blind receiving their sight and the poor receiving the Gospel." Six thousand patients are treated daily at the SIM dispensaries, clinics and hospitals. YFC team-members Mary Helen Cooper witnesses the surgery.



**"SUFFER THEM TO COME..."** Black, shiny, loveable children of the Sudan... meaning "black." The darkest skinned of all Africa. Opportunities for Child Evangelism abound in a continent where the birth rate is so high. Without Christ, the African youngster is without hope. He knows only physical sufferings and illiteracy. He goes to no school, wears no clothes... is most acquainted with dysentery, worms, scurvy and blindness. Christian teachers and those skilled in winning youngsters to Christ consider Africa one of the most fruitful fields. Those pictured are of Christian families in the African Interior.



**"MECCA THIS WAY..."** Signboards, pointing the way to the birthplace of Mohammed, thousands of miles distant, dot the African interior. Many earnest devotees spend their life's earnings to make the pilgrimage before they die to gain merit and Heaven. Africa's trails and streams are strewn with the bones of those who have died along the way. Millions of others have successfully walked all the way. The five cardinal points to be adhered to are (1) the saying of prayers five times daily... (2) keeping the fasts... (3) Believing in the Koran... (4) giving alms... (5) making a pilgrimage to Mecca.



**"FIVE THOUSAND MILES..."** Of the ten thousand miles of travel down and across Africa our correspondent with his team saw half of it from truck, jeep and car. Here they are pictured with the Gospel van ferrying the broad, sluggish, crocodile-hippo infested Logone River into French Equatorial Africa. Africa has no "freeways or super highways." Travel by road is slow and tiresome and the life of the vehicle is short. However, World War II has played an important role in road-making which has greatly aided the missionary in some sections.



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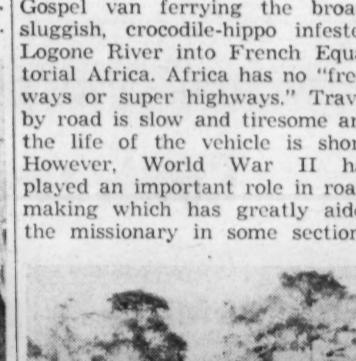
**"NEIGHBORS WERE CANNIBALS..."** Unevangelized villages still exist in great numbers in the heart of Africa. Naked, primitive peoples by the millions have yet to hear the Gospel message. Missionary Ray Dalahae carries the Good News to one such village of nearly naked people. Their neighbors a few miles distant were eating each other a quarter of a century ago, but today they are evangelized and "the Christians cannot be counted for number" on this Sudan Interior Mission field in Nigeria. Chapels, schools and hospitals dot the area, where not long ago "Christ was not named."



**"THE LEPERS ARE CLEANSED..."** The compassion of Christ for the unclean is reflected in the care given this blind Mohammedan leper... and all for free. It is estimated that there are five hundred thousand lepers in Nigeria alone. Clinics and hospitals, supported by Christians in America, make it possible for doctors and nurses to bring hope and healing to multitudes. The cost of medication and care averages fifteen cents per day per patient. This man may be pronounced "clean" after two years, or more, of treatment with the new wonder drug (DADPS). The Mohammedan is not compelled to attend Chapel, but the love of Christ constraining the medical missionary to minister to his filthy sores is paying off. Many are being converted after years of disappointments and waiting.



**"MISSIONARY AVIATION HELPS..."** World War II mechanics and pilots are now serving the Lord on many foreign mission fields. J. E. Clay, former war pilot and engineer, superintends the shop and hanger of the Sudan Interior Mission at Kano, Nigeria. Clay and crew keep a trio of four-place Cessnas airborne as part of the Society's stepped-up program to accomplish "within the next six years what it has taken sixty years to do in the past." Missions are adopting modern methods of transportation to reach otherwise inaccessible tribes, to transport missionaries at a great saving of time. The lives of God's servants are being saved by the swift transportation of ill missionaries who are isolated to the mission hospitals.



**"AFRICA'S OUTSTRETCHED HANDS..."** The need of Africa's seventy millions who have yet to hear the Gospel message is dramatically portrayed by the outstretched hands of a woman of the "Ring Tailed Head Hunters" of Africa. Seventy million Africans have never heard of Christ even once; other multitudes have heard of Him only once. Trekking evangelists have as many as two hundred thousand people in their perish and scattered over thousands of square miles. This makes it impossible for him to ever return to many villages a second time. The hackneyed phrase, "No one has a right to hear the Gospel twice until all have heard it once," takes on new meaning in the light of this. By what law of reasoning should Christendom permit masses of heathen to hear the Gospel once... only once? Yet this is the predicament because of the lack of sufficient personnel!

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